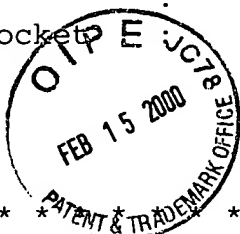


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 1999, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend the Claims as follows:

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